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## IF THE SNOWSHOE FITS...

Snowshoe rental hours expanded at Mendon Ponds Park

The Monroe County Parks Department today announced expanded rental hours for snowshoeing starting December 26, 2000. The hours are Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Holidays include winter break (Dec. 26 – 29), Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 15) and February recess (Feb. 19-23).

"I encourage residents to take advantage of the county's Learn to Snowshoe programs," said Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle. "Snowshoeing is a fun way to explore the beauty of our parks in the winter time."

Free snowshoe instruction is offered every Monday, beginning January 8, 2001, at Mendon Ponds Park Nature Center from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"If there is snow on the ground, we'll be shoeing it," said Eric Johnson, Monroe County Parks snowshoe instructor.

Mendon Ponds Park is located in the southeastern portion of Monroe County. Enter the park from either Route 65 (Clover Street) or Pittsford-Mendon Center Road.

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